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Applicant: Seiji Bando Atty. Docket No.: VX062737 PCT

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

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Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed on May 11, 2009. The Office Action set forth a three-month period for response, and Applicant files a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time herewith, making this Amendment due on or before September 11, 2009.

Amendments to the claims appear in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.